



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**Darlington High School**  
**Darlington County School District**  
**Grades: 9-12** **Enrollment: 1,119**  
**Principal: Gregory Harrison**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Rainey Knight**  
**Board Chair: Charles Govan**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	D	N/A
2011	Good	Average	Silver	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	2	19	1	1

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Passed 2 subtests (%)	67.3%	70.8%	65.9%	69.9%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	18.1%	16.0%	19.0%	16.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	14.6%	13.2%	15.1%	13.5%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2012

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	96.6%	89.1%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	232	182
Number of Diplomas	214	134
Rate (%)	92.2%	73.3%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	76.8	62.2
English 1	59.0	53.9
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	63.9	65.2
US History and the Constitution	46.4	34.8
All Tests	61.9	50.5

## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

### READING - GRADE 8 (2011)



### MATH - GRADE 8 (2011)



### SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2009)



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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# Darlington High School [Darlington County School District]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=1,119)</b>				
Retention rate	7.9%	Down from 9.7%	4.1%	3.0%
Attendance rate	92.9%	Down from 95.2%	94.6%	95.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 1.3%	1.1%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	6.6%	13.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	22.0%	50.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.7%	Up from 25.3%	28.6%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	0.4%	Down from 1.4%	2.5%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	Down from 5.4%	5.3%	2.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	455	Down from 506	359	395
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	78.5%	Up from 75.1%	81.8%	84.0%
<b>Teachers (n=76)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.7%	Up from 46.3%	61.2%	63.2%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	80.9%	Down from 81.5%	83.0%	86.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 95.6%	94.7%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,354	Down 2.9%	\$46,863	\$47,326
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.9%	3.1%	3.6%
Professional development days/teacher	16.9 days	Up from 10.2 days	11.3 days	9.7 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.8 to 1	Down from 27.2 to 1	23.9 to 1	27.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.4%	Down from 90.1%	87.5%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,229	Up 4.8%	\$9,197	\$7,761
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.6%	Down from 60.1%	54.3%	57.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.6%	Up from 61.5%	58.2%	59.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.4%	Down from 100.0%	97.3%	97.8%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	68.0	N/A	68.3	78.2

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	75	157	20
Percent satisfied with learning environment	78.4%	59.9%	75.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	85.1%	63.4%	78.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	56.0%	74.8%	70.0%

\*Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Darlington High School has experienced a banner year academically and athletically. We are truly "in the pursuit of excellence." Our school strives to meld academic and technical studies while ensuring that every course is challenging and engaging.

Darlington High School boasts among its many accomplishments, Palmetto Gold and silver awards in recognition of our 92.6% graduation rate and our success closing the achievement gap through academic excellence. Our graduating class, the class of 2012 received \$2,027,200.00 in scholarships, and 20 members of the class received transferrable college credit from our Honors College Magnet Program.

As well as excelling academically, Darlington High School has also made great strides outside of the classroom. JROTC students scored at the highest level of inspection. The Track team won Region 6AAA championship for the 4th year and had one State Champion. The Cross Country team won the region for the 2nd straight year. The Varsity Boys' Basketball Team won the Region 6AAA championship for the 3rd straight year. The Varsity Baseball team won the Region championship for the 2nd straight year and had 6 players named to the All-Region team. DHS had a football player named to the North-South Game, and a golf player qualify for the State Golf Championship after being named Co-Medalist at the Lower-State Tournament.

Darlington High School Falcons were also committed to serving their community through service learning projects. The 31st annual Christmas food drive raised \$7,000 and served 106 families. Students in the Honors College Magnet Program raised \$650 and more than 300 non-perishable food items for needy families. Teacher Cadet Students collected items for Christmas stockings for our local boys' home. The National Honor Society raised \$700 for the local boy's home and purchased 100 teddy bears for McLeod's Children's Hospital. Our Key Club held a "Darlington Day of Service" project where more than 62 students volunteered at various businesses, parks, and schools. In addition, the Student Government fundraised for Breast Cancer Awareness and hosted 3 Red Cross Blood Drives. Fifteen graduates were recognized for donating on three separate occasions during their tenure at Darlington High.

Darlington High School makes a concerted effort to recognize and celebrate student excellence through our school-wide incentive programs. The Triple Crown Award, which honors students who are successful on their first attempt at HSAP, recognized 195 students this year. The Falcon Pride Awards celebrated students who demonstrated Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, and Excellence. Through this program, over 1500 students were recognized by faculty members. From these, a student was chosen each month to serve as Student of the Month. More than 200 students were honored each quarter for perfect attendance and academic achievement.

The success of Darlington High School students is directly correlated to the high standards set by the Falcon Faculty. Six of our teachers hold National Board Certification, and over half of the faculty hold advanced degrees.

Ms. Jane Lloyd, SIC Chairperson  
Harrison, Principal

Dr. Greg

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